



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day  
 Stone Presbyterian Church  
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation  
 March 20, 2011 – Second Sunday of Lent

*We Join Jesus in the Wilderness*

**PRELUDE** *Leoni* Richard Proulx

**INTROIT & POURING BAPTISMAL WATER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.  
**Let us worship God.**

+HYMN #488 *The God of Abram Praise* LEONI  
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

**WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS & INVITATIONS**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

...This we confess.  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**



**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**KYRIE #2275** *Kyrie* NEW WORLD

**+THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*We Listen for the Word of God*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**THE WORD FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

*Genesis 12:1-4a* *the call of Abram*  
 The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God TOLD BY OWEN REYNOLDS

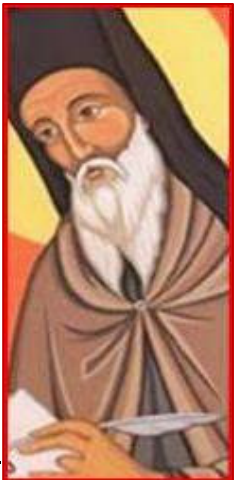
**ANTHEM** *Stay with Us* Walter L. Pelz



*Psalms 121* *I lift my eyes up to the hills.*  
 TOLD BY DONNA GOODFRIEND

*Romans 4:1-5, 13-17* *God's promise realized through faith*  
 TOLD BY DAVID KOLB

*John 3:1-17* *Jesus and Nicodemus*  
 (A video telling from the CD, *John According to Jazz*)



**SERMON** *Under Cover of Night*

*We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving*

March 20, 2011 – Second Sunday in Lent ~ 10:30 a.m.

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH AS COVENANT PEOPLE – **The Lenten Walk**

+HYMN #87            *The Glory of These Forty Days*            to O WALY WALY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER    “debts/debtors”  
(Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16)

OFFERTORY                    *O Waly Waly*                    Christopher Tambling

+A DOXOLOGY #597 *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*    APPALACHIAN FOLK MELODY  
(We all sing both “leader” and “response” parts together.)

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**We Continue on the Lenten Journey**

+HYMN #79                    *Kind Maker of the World*                    to GERMANY

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE



*The purpose of Stone Church is to be an inviting, spiritual community of Christ, engaging in worship that inspires and challenges us to learn and grow as we reach out in caring and service, trusting in the love of God.*

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**THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Today:	12:00 p.m.	<i>God in America</i> , part IV with lunch
Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Storytellers' rehearsal
Tuesday:	5:00 p.m.	Presbytery meeting - Westminster

**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**



Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	<i>God in America</i> – CUMC
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Tuesday, March 22 is the deadline for submitting articles for the April issue of *The Corner Stone*.

**LITURGIST:** Owen Reynolds

**INTERESTED IN BEING A LITURGIST?** If you would be willing to take a stint as liturgist, please let Donna Goodfriend or Dennis know!

**STORYTELLERS:** Owen Reynolds, Donna Goodfriend, David Kolb

**USHERS/HOSTS:** Doris Locke & Ceil Gilbert

**NAME TAGS:** If yours is missing or your name is wrong, please let an usher know, and we will supply you with a temporary tag until a replacement is made. If you're visiting, an usher will be glad to make you a name tag.

**A REST ROOM** (wheelchair accessible) is located off the narthex to your left as you enter the church. More restrooms may be found downstairs in the hall that parallels Williams St.

**THE NURSERY** is located off the narthex to your right as you enter the church. A diaper-changing table is there for your convenience.

**EARLY PLEDGES WANTED:** Cash flow seems to be a problem for the Church more in the winter months (January through April) than summer months. Session is asking folks to consider giving more of their pledge upfront, if possible. We will, of course, keep good track of what you have paid towards your pledge.

**WELCOME** to the worship of God at Stone Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the Presbytery of Utica. Please make use of the pew cards to indicate any prayer concerns, pastoral needs or suggestions for improvement.

**BUILDING STONES MISSION SHOP:** You are invited to visit our Building Stones Mission Shop, located in the rear of the sanctuary, to see our wonderful selection of Fair Trade teas, coffees, chocolates, soups, and clothes which are all for sale.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you would like to add someone to our prayer list or would like to receive the prayer list for daily prayer, please go to our website [www.stonepres.org](http://www.stonepres.org) and click on "Prayer Request" or call the church office at 853-2933. Please note that we will remove names after 6 weeks if we haven't received an update or request to keep them on.

Lori Sherwood  
 Eleanor Palmer  
 Elaine Schmidt and Family  
 Afghanistan troops  
 Allen Solomon  
 Marius Thomassen  
 Barbara Stockbridge  
 Will  
 Barbara Wallace  
 Helen and Scott's son, Jesse  
 Florence Morgan  
 Carolyn Crockett and family

Members/Friends of the Week:  
 The Wilbur Family  
 First Presbyterian Church,  
 Holland Patent  
 Rosalie Lauber  
 Machold Family  
 Lisa Hyatt  
 Betty Kolb and her daughter Dawn  
 Kurt Whittemore (in Afghanistan)  
 Fred Windecker  
 Nancy Shaw  
 Jeff White and family  
 Shirley Hart, Sue Dewey's mother

**HOPE HOUSE WISH LIST:** Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, individual packs of oatmeal, Italian seasoning, parsley, garlic powder, dehydrated peppers, teriyaki sauce, and BBQ sauce. Other items needed include soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, and razors. Please leave items in the Norton Room, but if you have perishable food, please call Ceil Gilbert, 853-8289.

**WWW.STONEPRES.ORG:** If you have pictures or features you would like to include in the Stone Church website, please contact Ceil Gilbert at 853-8289 or at [ceilgilbert@yahoo.com](mailto:ceilgilbert@yahoo.com).



**ONLY THREE MORE MONTHS** until the Stone Soup Storytelling Festival! We need your help! So many volunteers are going to be needed in the run up to the event and on the day of the Festival. Please invite your friends and acquaintances and neighbors to mark their calendars. If you can help, please let Donna Goodfriend know. She's coordinating the volunteer effort. We also need everyone to pitch in with distributing the "pocket cards" and inviting businesses to support us through the ad book. Please, please help! We need all hands on deck!

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS AND WORKSHOPS** will be held at Hospice And Palliative Care, 4277 Middle Settlement Road in New Hartford. These include workshops for children, teens, and adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one. More information can be found on the church's bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary or by calling 735-6487.

**WANTED: YOUR PER CAPITA!** *Per capita* payments for 2011 are now being readily accepted! Our *per capita* charge this year is \$32.45 per member. The church is assessed this amount for each member on the membership roll. The *per capita* is the cost of our representative democracy as a church and supports the meetings and operations of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. Please consider sending your *per capita* either to the church office or enclosing it in your pledge envelope. Thank you in advance.

We ask your help in **TIDYING UP THE PEWS** after worship. If you would kindly stack up the hymnals and pick up any papers you find in the pews, this will help the ushers and worship staff tremendously. Just think of clean-up as an act of worship. Thanks!

**THE STONE STORYTELLERS** will present "In the Beginning and All the Way to the End: Stories from Genesis to Revelation" on Sunday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now!

**ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDY DURING THE SEASON OF LENT:**

You are invited to join Dennis Dewey for a four-part study of Paul's Letter to the Romans **noontimes on Tuesday, March 29 (note: no study session on March 22) and April 5**

**and 12.**

Each session will look at a four-chapter slice of Paul's longest and most theologically developed letter, which expresses his mature theology shortly before his martyrdom. It was the study of this letter that caused an Augustinian monk named Luther to set out on a path that would challenge the *status quo* of the church and change history forever.

Each session will last an hour, and a soup and bread lunch will be provided. Please join us for this stimulating look at the foundational work of Christian theology.

**March 26 – MARCH OUT IN MISSION – Utica, First Presbyterian Church:** On March 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 1605 Genesee Street, Utica, NY, the Presbytery of Utica's Committee for Equipping and Empowering Congregations will present **March Out In Mission**. Learn about why we do mission; hear stories from a panel of ordinary folks in our Presbytery who lead, launch, and support a variety of missions. Do you have a vision of starting an outreach ministry in your church? Come for education, inspiration and resources to follow your dreams! Cost is \$5.00 and includes a light lunch. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at the door. Information: Rev. Sarah Schmidt Lee, [saelschmidt@yahoo.com](mailto:saelschmidt@yahoo.com)

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW:** If you wish to help the victims of the Japanese earthquake and the tsunami or those in other disaster areas, please visit [www.churchworldservice.org/kits](http://www.churchworldservice.org/kits) for information on putting together emergency kits. Completed kits will be collected by Church World Service throughout the month of April at the United Methodist Church, 105 Genesee Street, New Hartford. The CWS truck will be there April 4-15 Monday through Friday 9:00-2:00 p.m. Call Jennifer at 782-2650 to confirm the drop off times.